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[origin: EP0429873A2] Ink on an ink tape (2) is melted and transferred onto a print tape (1) by a thermal print head (5), while an electric motor is driven to feed the print tape (1). When the number of rotations of the motor reaches a predetermined value, a controller judges that the lead print position of the tape has reached a cutter (17) and stops rotating the motor. At this time, operating the cutter (17) can cut away a blank area preceding the lead print position. Continuing the printing without operating the cutter (17) can eliminate blank areas between the multiple printed portions.

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